

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 04791 031826Z

15

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03 ACDA-05

NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 PRS-01 SP-02 USIA-06 TRSE-00

SAJ-01 NSC-05 ERDA-05 NRC-05 /073 W

----- 078250

R 031730Z SEP 75

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASSDC 3345

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO CINCLANT

USCINCEUR

USLOSACLANT

USNMR SHAPE

S E C R E T USNATO 4791

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NATO, MNUC, NPG

SUBJECT: NPG- SEPTEMBER 1 STAFF GROUP MEETING.

REF: A. USNATO 4507 (DTG 261526Z AUG 75)

B. USNATO 4509 (DTG 261535Z AUG 75)

C. STATE 205371 (DTG 282147Z AUG 75)

SUMMARY: AT SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING, NPG STAGG GROUP HELD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF UK AND FRG PHASE III "SCOPE" PAPERS. SG AGREED TO APPROACH OF HAVING STAFF GROUP DRAFT A REPORT ON COUNTRY REQUESTS FOR USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SG DISCUSSED IS DRAFT COMPILATION OF NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PROCEDURES. US REP PROVIDED US VIEWS ON NEED FOR EXAMINATION OF NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE QUESTION IN BORDER CONTEXT OF OVERALL AIR DEFENSE AND COUNTER-AIR PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) HELD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF UK AND FRG "SCOPE" PAPERS ON CONDUCT OF PHASE III (REFS A AND B). UK REP (HARFORD) SAID THAT UK VIEWED PHASE III AS AN EFFORT OF SYNTHESIS AND CONSOLIDATION, AND NOT AS A NEW STUDY.

SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 04791 031826Z

HE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE EFFORT CAN BE COMPLETED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME-FRAME. HE SAID UK SUGGESTIONS ON ORGANIZATION WERE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE NPG TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK. FRG REP (MERKL) SAID THAT

PROPOSALS IN FRG PAPER WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF UK. HE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THE PHASE III EFFORT MUST DRAW ON EXISTING POLICY DOCUMENTS. HE SAID THEY BELIEVE PHASE III SHOULD, IN PARTICULAR, GIVE ATTENTION TO LINKAGE OF THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES TO STRATEGIC FORCES, AND CONSEQUENCES OF ENEMY RESPONSE.

2. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN VALDEREN) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES FOUND UK AND FRG PAPERS USEFUL. BY WAY OF PRELIMINARY COMMENTS, HE SAID THEY QUESTIONED DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING DETAILED INFORMATION ON NATO NUCLEAR FORCES OR THE THREAT, WHICH BOTH PAPERS SEEMED TO SUGGEST, SINCE CONTINUAL NEED FOR UPDATING WOULD BE CUMBERSOME AND IS TAKEN CARE OF IN OTHER AREAS, E.G., MC 161; MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. HE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THE ORDER SUGGESTED IN UK PAPER OF DEALING WITH "MILITARY CONCEPT" AND WITH "POLITICAL CONCEPT" SHOULD BE REVISED. UK REP AGREED. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES, FEEL STRONGLY THAT PHASE III ORGANIZATION MUST BE WORKED OUT IN SUCH A WAY THAT AS MANY NPG MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK. HE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES ARE SYMPATHETIC TO UK SUGGESTIONS ON ORGANIZATION, AND DID NOT FAVOR FRG APPROACH.

3. DANISH REP (JENSEN) EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN AS NETHERLANDS CONCERNING INCLUSION OF DETAILED BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND NOTED HANDLING PROBLEMS THAT WOULD ARISE WITH ATOMAL INFORMATION. HE SAID, CONCERNING PARA 2 OF FRG PAPER, THAT ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CONVENTIONAL OPTIONS AS WELL AS NUCLEAR OPTIONS. HE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES PREFERRED UK APPROACH TO ORGANIZATION OVER THAT OF FRG.

4. FRG AND UK REPS AGREED WITH DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING INCLUSION OF DETAILED THREAT AND WEAPON SYSTEM INFORMATION THAT WOULD POSE UPDATING PROBLEMS. FRG REP SAID, CONCERNING ORGANIZATION, THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE FLEXIBLE, AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY VIEWS.

5. OTHER SG REPS INDICATED PREFERENCE TO DEFER FURTHER DISCUSSION OF UK AND FRG PAPERS UNTIL AFTER THE US HAD CIRCULATED A "SCOPE"
SECRET

PAGE 03 NATO 04791 031826Z

PAPER ON PHASE III. US REP (WOORWORTH) SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT US PAPER WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1.

6. US REP (WOODWORTH), PER GUIDANCE IN REF C, AGREED WITH OTHER SG MEMBERS TO APPROACH OF PREPARING IN THE STAFF GROUP A REPORT ON COUNTRY REQUESTS FOR NUCLEAR RELEASE. IS WILL ISSUE AN INITIAL DRAFT SHORTLY. SACLANT REP (HELM) SAID SACLANT BELIEVED THAT A PARALLEL SET OF PROCEDURES FOR COUNTRY REQUESTS WAS UNNECESSARY. UK REP, SUPPORTED BY OTHER SG MEMBERS, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE REPORT DID NOT NEED TO PRODUCE NEW PROCEDURES, BUT ONLY CLARIFY IN BRIEF TERMS HANDLING OF A COUNTRY REQUEST.

7. STAFF GROUP HELD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF IS DRAFT COMPILATION

OF NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PROCEDURES (NPG(STAFF GROUP) WP (75)7, DATED 20 AUG 1975 - POUCHED TO STATE AND DEFENSE). SG MEMBERS FOUND THE DRAFT GENERALLY SATISFACTORY, WITH COMMENTS LIMITED TO EDITORIAL SUGGESTIONS. THEY AGREED TO FORWARD DETAILED COMMENTS TO IS TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR PREPARATION OF A REVISED DRAFT.

COMMENT: THE COMPIATION, STEMMING FROM A MINISTERIAL REQUEST AT THE HAGUE NPG MEETING IN NOVEMBER 1973, IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A CONCISE REFERENCE GUIDE ON CONSULTATION PROCEDURES. IT WILL BE INCORPORATED WITH COEC CRISIS MANAGEMENT FILES. THE DOCUMENT, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL BE PROVIDED TO PERMREPS FOR APPROVAL, AND DOES NOT NEED TO BE PLACED ON A MINISTERIAL AGENDA. WE WILL PROVIDE IS WITH COMMENTS ON FIRST DRAFT, AND WILL FORWARD REVISED DRAFT TO WASHINGTON FOR DETAILED REVIEW AND COMMENT. END COMMENT.

8. CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) ASKED FOR VIEWS ON UK SUGGESTION FOR A STUDY OF NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS. UK REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD PROVIDED HIM WITH MORE DETAILS ON THEIR SUGGESTION, WHICH HE WOULD CIRCULATE SHORTLY IN WRITING. US REP, DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN REF C, PROVIDED US VIEWS ON NEED TO EXAMINE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL AIR DEFENSE AND COUNTER-AIR PROBLEM. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THIS SCOPE, WITH POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR ASPECTS BEING REVIEWED BY NPG MINISTERS. FRG REP CALLED ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE MC AIR DEFENSE STUDY STEMMING FROM RECENT AWAC'S DEMONSTRATIONS IN SECRET

PAGE 04 NATO 04791 031826Z

NATO. SG AGREED WITH US REP'S SUGGESTION ON NEED TO LOOK FURTHER INTO EXTENT TO WHICH POSSIBLE MC STUDY WOULD COVER NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE PROBLEMS.

9. CHAIRMAN REVIEWED WORK SCHEDULE LEADING UP TO HAMBURG NPG MEETING. HE PROPOSED THAT SG PLAN TO COMPLETE DRAFTING OF COMPIATION OF CONSULTATION PROCEDURES AND REPORT ON COUNTRY REQUESTS FOR NUCLEAR RELEASE BY SEP 29; TO COMPLETE DRAFTING OF PERMREPS REPORT ON PHASE III BY OCT 6; AND TO COMPLETE WORK ON USE OF "WARNING MESSAGES" BY OCT 13. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED NEED FOR TWO NPG PERMREPS MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE HAMBURG MEETING--THE FIRST DURING WEEK OF OCT 6, AND SECOND DURING WEEK OF OCT 27. BRUCE.

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 18 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 SEP 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975NATO04791
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197509102/abbrzls.w.tel
Line Count: 156
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: A. USNATO 4507 (DTG 261526Z AUG 75) B. USNATO 4509 (DTG 261535Z AUG 75) C. STATE 205371 (DTG 282147Z AUG 75)
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 APR 2003 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <15 OCT 2003 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NPG- SEPTEMBER 1 STAFF GROUP MEETING.
TAGS: PFOR, NATO, MNUC, NPG
To: STATE WASSDC
SECDEF INFO CINCLANT
USCINCEUR
USLOSACLANT
USNMR SHAPE
Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006